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SUBJECT: DUTCH RATIFICATION OF ECD FINANCIAL SUPPORT FUND

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1. FINANCE MINISTRY SOURCES ADVISE THAT ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR TRANSMITTING SUPPORT FUND PROPOSAL TO PARLIAMENT ARE READY. TECHNICALLY, PROPOSAL MUST FIRST RECEIVE ROYAL BLESSING IN COUNCIL OF STATE BEFORE GOING TO PARLIAMENT. HOWEVER, CABINET HAS NOT YET SUBMITTED DOCUMENT TO COUNCIL. REASON IS THAT DUTCH AND BELGIANS ARE ENGAGED IN CONSULTATIONS, AT LATTER'S REQUEST, ON DUTCH LANGUAGE TRANSLATION OF AGREEMENT; BELGIANS WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WORK ALREADY DONE IN THIS REGARD BY DUTCH (DUTCH IS OFFICIAL LANGUAGE FOR OECD AGREEMENT). LINGUISTICALLY MINOR, BUT LEGALLY IMPORTANT, DIFFERENCES IN TECHNICAL TERMS IN USAGE IN BOTH COUNTRIES REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED (E.G. SDR IS TRANSLATED AS "BIJZONDERE TREKKINGSRECHTEN" BY DUTCH BUT AS "SPECIALE TREKKINGSRECHTEN" BY FLEMISH-SPEAKING BELGIANS). MINFIN SOURCES ARE CONFIDENT DIFFERENCES CAN BE SATISFACTORILLY RECONCILED.

2. MORE SERIOUS PROBLEM IS IN CONNECTION WITH SCENARIO FOR PARLIAMENTARY RATIFICATION. WHILE GON HAD INITIALLY ENTERTAINED HOPES OF BEING ABLE TO WHIZ AGREEMENT THROUGH PARLIAMENT VIA SO-CALLED "SILENT PROCEDURE", I.E. WITHOUT DEBATE (SEE HAGUE REFTELS), IT IS NOW ANTICIPATED THAT DEBATE WILL BE REQUESTED BY PARLIAMENT IN VIEW OF BUDGETARY DIFFICULTIES ANTICIPATED FOR COMING YEAR. IT IS LIKELY MANY MP'S WILL WANT TO EXAMINE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF AGREEMENT WITH MAGNIFYING GLASS BEFORE CONSENTING TO ITS APPROVAL.

3. MOOD OF PARLIAMENT CANNOT BE ASSESSED BEFORE MID-SEPTEMBER, AFTER IT RETURNS FROM SUMMER RECESS. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS THEN.
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